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LETTER DATED 13 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 October 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance, provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

1 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

2 October 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Salman, Busayyah, Artawi, Khidr and Shinafiyah.

- At 1121 hours on 2 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Samawah, the area to the south of Najaf, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Amarah, Basra, Umm Qasr and Artawi. It left at 1400 hours, proceeding in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

3 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

- At 2015 hours on 3 October 1994, a United States plane dropped a heat flare on the Ibrat area to the north of the Satar subdistrict in Dhi Qar Governorate.

4 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Jalibah, Chabaish and Artawi.

5 October 1994

Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Artawi, Shatrah and Salman.

6 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Salman, Busayyah, Artawi and Chabaish.

- At 1210 hours on 6 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Amarah, Shinafiyah, Safwan and Artawi. It left at 1445 hours, proceeding in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

7 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

- At 1128 hours on 7 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi. It left at 1400 hours, proceeding in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

8 October 1994

Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Artawi, Qurnah, Chabaish, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 2158 hours on 8 October 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over Basra.

9 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah, Shaqlawah, Rawandoz and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Safwan and Artawi.

- At 1115 hours on 9 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 21,000 m over Artawi, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Basra and Umm Qasr. It left at 1355 hours, proceeding in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

10 October 1994

Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Jalibah, Artawi, Amarah and Qal'at Salih.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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